Industrial Licence to Reliance Industries Limited for Paraxylene plant

1576. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to grant ex postfacto Industrial Licence to Reliance Industries Limited for their Paraxylene plant which was sanctioned on the basis of captive consumption only along with the PTA plant;

(b) what necessitated the Reliance Industries Limited to apply for Industrial Licence after the plant has been commissioned; and

(c) what is the policy of the Government for granting ex postfacto Industrial Licence in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) An application from M|s. Reliance Industries Limited for endorsement of Paraxylene on the Industrial Licence granted to them for manufacture of Purified Terepthalic Acid is with the Government. Decision on such application is taken on Techno Economic considerations. Details of the application are not disclosed until a decision is taken thereon.

ब्लाक मुख्यालयों में टेलेक्स

1577. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सभी ब्लाक मुख्यालयों को टैलेक्स से जोड़ने का विचार रखती है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Chlorine manufacturing factories

1578. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are at least 100 chemical factories in the country which are manufacturing the commonly used chlorine gas that could repeat disaster of Bhopal scale in the event of an accident as per study conducted by Central Labour Institute;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what preventive measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir, there are a large number of units in the country which are manufacturing chlorine as a co-product of caustic soda, however, the Bhopal Gas tragedy was not on the basis of leakage of chlorine but of Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) Gas. As per information received from Ministry of Labour, no such study has been conducted by the Central Labour Institute.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) All manufacture and storage of chlorine and other hazardous products is regulated by the rules and guidelines prescribed by the agencies of the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Environment & Forests, who also monitor their implementation.

Post of Post-Master General at Aurangabad (M.S.)

1579. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some demands from All India Postal Employees Union, Nanded (M.S.) for the

creation of a new post of post Master General, at Aurangabad (M.S.);

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Aurangabad region is presently covering more than ten districts with its Director as head of the department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGC): (a) and (b) A representation from the All India Postal Employees Union, Parbhani Branch, has been received in this regard and the same is under consideration.

(c) Aurangabad region under the control of a Regional Director of Postal Services is presently covering more than ten districts. However, the Regional Director is not vested with the powers of Head of the Department.

Automatic telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu

1580. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cities in Tamil Nadu having automatic telephone exchanges;

(b) what are the criteria for installing automatic electronic exchanges; and

(c) what are the names of cities in Tamil Nadu where automatic/electronic exchanges are proposed to be installed during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The State of Tamil Nadu has telephone exchanges in 1219 places, out of which 1185 places have Automatic Telephone Exchanges.

The Seventh Five Year Plan Objective was to automatise all District Headquarters and to convert all Manual Exchanges of 1000 lines capacity and above.

(c) The Eighth Plan proposals are still to be finalised.

STD facilities in district headquarters and cities of Tamil Nadu

1581. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the district headquarters and cities having a population of more than one lakh in Tamil Nadu have been linked with Delhi and Madras through STD;

(b) if not, the number of district headquarters and such cities which are yet to be linked with STD;

(c) whether there is any scheme to link district headquarters and such cities by STD; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) One District Headquarter is yet to be provided with this facility while all the cities in Tamilnadu having a population of more than one lakh have been provided with this facility.

(c) There is a scheme to provide STD facility to all District Headquarters by March 1990.

(d) Cuddalore is the only District Headquarter in Tamil Nadu which is yet to be provided with this facility, STD facility at this place would become feasible soon after the commissioning of an automatic Telephone exchange in 1989-90. As an interim measure Manual Subscriber Trunk Dialling service has been provided at Cuddalore.